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Serial No. 10/579,239) Group Art Unit: 2894
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND)
MANUFACTURING METHOD OF)
THE SAME)

RULE 312 AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following amendments and remarks in connection with the above-identified application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.